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the following data concerning the functioning of the new state milk organization.

- The region around Sopron is organized in the so-called "Milk Enterprise of Sopron® (Soproni Tejuzem), which is a branch of the ®Transdanubian Milk Industry Association. The head of this latter organization is Director Emery Ricker, whose chief task is to control the local milk processing stations. As the much harassed individual small farmers (greatly reduced in numbers) and the kolkhozes formed of the former peasant holdings, deliver less milk than they should according to the plan, Director Ricker is constantly bullying and vexing his subordinates for "lack of Communistic zeal". He is heartily hated by everybody and the workers avenge themselves by working slowly and little. The head of the Sopron Milk Enterprise, in contrast, is a nice, considerate man and he is well liked by the workers. But the CP secretary, who is attached to him Louis Rödler, a young product of the arty school, is a slave driver hated by all.
- The Sopron Milk Enterprise now has 48 workers who are paid differently. There are wages per hour (2.40, 2.60 and 2.80 forints), wages per piece and wages according to norm. In consequence there is chaos and the workers never know how much money they will receive. In general, a worker gets 400 to 500 forints a month, but no one knows why just that much and on what basis. Every year they must "offer" a month's salary as "state loan". This is strictly compulsory, though nominally "voluntary".
- 4. The "Sopron Milk Enterprise" processes and distributes the whole milk production of Sopron County. The same procedure applies to other Hungarian counties. The milk processing enterprises first take off the cream; the milk then is pasteurized and distributed emong the various state milk shops. Until the summer of 1951 the milk, after the cream has been taken off, held a fat-content of 3.3 percent, but since then only 2.7 percent., because it was desired to increase the

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butter and sour cream production which declined considerably in consequence of the shrinking milk delivery. The quantity of the delivered milk fell from summer 1948 to summer 1951 by one half; in Sopron County from 18,000 liters of milk per day in 1948 to 8,000 liters of milk per day in 1951. The peasants are severly punished if they consume, in their own household, more milk than is permitted.

Nearly the same applies for the peasants who were forced into kolkhozes.

Seventy-five percent of the best quality cream is processed into butter called "export butter", the Sopron Milk Enterprise sends 450 to 500 kilograms of such butter daily to the Budapest Central Office. Everybody knows that 95 percent of this butter goes to the USSR, the rest to the great ones of the Party. The Hungarian public, even the military, has not seen butter for years, for butter does not come into circulation.

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